an initiator of the communication connection, one or more data elements in the data source which are associated with the initiator being identified based on an identifier representative of the initiator in the received signals;

a receiver for receiving from the initiator a request for taking an action concerning a selected one of the data elements through the established communication connection, the action being associated with an access right requirement;
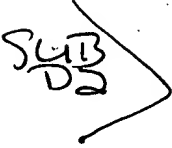
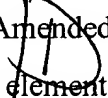a processor for identifying an access right of the initiator concerning the selected data element; and

a device for taking the action when the access right of the initiator meets the access right requirement.

23. (Amended) The system of claim 22 wherein the selected data element includes information concerning an individual.

24. (Amended) The system of claim 22 wherein the selected data element includes information concerning a group.

25. (Amended) The system of claim 22 wherein the action includes reading the selected data element.

26. (Amended) The system of claim 22 wherein the action includes editing the selected data element.

27. (Amended) The system of claim 22 wherein the action includes deleting the selected data element.

47. (Amended) A method for maintaining a data source comprising:

receiving signals in establishing a communication connection with an initiator of the communication connection;

identifying one or more data elements in the data source which are associated with the initiator based on an identifier representative of the initiator in the received signals;

receiving from the initiator a request for taking an action concerning a selected one of the data elements through the established communication connection, the action being associated with an access right requirement;

identifying an access right of the initiator concerning the selected data element; and

taking the action when the access right of the initiator meets the access right requirement.

48. (Amended) The method of claim 47 wherein the selected data element includes information concerning an individual.

49. (Amended) The method of claim 47 wherein the selected data element includes information concerning a group.

50. (Amended) The method of claim 47 wherein the action includes reading the selected data element.

51. (Amended) The method of claim 47 wherein the action includes editing the selected data element.

52. (Amended) The method of claim 47 wherein the action includes deleting the selected data element.